

## Introduced by Senator Romero

February 16, 2005

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An act to amend Section 13140 of the Elections Code, relating to candidates.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 272, as introduced, Romero. Candidates: ballots.

Existing law establishes the requirements by which candidates are identified on the ballot and provides that, if a candidate changes his or her name within one year of the election, the new name may only appear if it was changed by marriage or by court decree.

This bill would additionally authorize a candidate to place on the ballot only his or her true full name, initials, or nickname by which he or she is commonly known.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13104 of the Elections Code is amended  
2 to read:  
3 13104. (a) If a candidate changes his or her name within one  
4 year of any election, the new name ~~shall not~~ *may* appear upon the  
5 ballot ~~unless~~ *only if* the change was made by either of the  
6 following:  
7 ~~(a)~~  
8 (1) Marriage.  
9 ~~(b)~~  
10 (2) Decree of any court of competent jurisdiction.

- 1     **(b)** *A candidate may place on the ballot only his or her true*
- 2     *full name, initials, or nickname by which he or she is commonly*
- 3     *known.*